



Kelly's Directory Extract 1915

Kington Langley



KINGTON LANGLEY (in Domesday Book Langleghe; anciently Langley Fearne) is a tithing, hamlet and ecclesiastical parish (known as Langley Fitzurse), formed in part out of the parish of Kington St Michael, on the road from Chippenham to Malmesbury, 2.5 miles north by east from Chippenham station on the Swindon & Bath section of the Great Western railway, 7 miles south of Malmesbury, in the North Western division of the county, Damerham North hundred, Chippenham union, petty sessional division and county court district, and in Chippenham rural deanery, North Wilts archdeaconry, and Bristol diocese. The church of St Peter, built in 1855, is an edifice of stone, in the Early English style, consisting of chancel, nave, vestry, south porch, and a small western turret containing one bell; the east window is stained and there are 230 sittings. The register dates from the year 1855. The living is a vicarage, net yearly value £200, in the gift of the Bishop of Bristol, and held since 1871 by the Rev Charles Clarke BA of Magdalen Hall, Oxford: the great tithe, amounting to £103 a year, is held by Earl Cowley. Here are Baptist and Primitive Methodist chapels. The chief farms are Southsea, Whitelands, Church, and Fitzurse; the last was once the property of the family whose name it bears, and in later times of Sir Ralph Hopton KB, 1st and only Baron Hopton of Stratton, Cornwall, who died in 1652; and old house, with a moat, remains. A chapel, dedicated to St Peter, once stood in the village, but in 1670 had been converted to a private dwelling. At that date, the bell was still preserved in Fitzurse House. The village revel was kept on the Sunday following St Peter's Day, and was, as Aubrey records, "one of the eminent feasts in these parts". Major Walter T Coleman JP, who is lord of the manor, and whose family have been settled in Langley for many generations, and Earl Cowley, are the largest proprietors. The village is situated on a high table of land of sand, with a subsoil of Oxford clay, principally in pasture; the area is 1521 acres, rateable value £3222: the population in 1911 was 519 in the civil, and 543 in the ecclesiastical parish. Under the provisions of the Divided Parishes Act 1882, a detached part of Kington Langley has been transferred to Langley Durrell, and by Local Government Board Order 16,526, dated March 25th 1884, a part of Pickengel Farm was added to Tytherton Kelways from Kington Langley.

Parish Clerk – James Humphries

Post & Telephone Call Office – John Tanner, sub-postmaster. Letters are received through Chippenham at 6.50am & 2.30pm, Sundays, 7.15am, dispatched at 11am & 7.10pm, Sundays dispatched at 9.35am Chippenham, about 3 miles distant, is the nearest money order and telegraph office. Wall Letter Box cleared at 11.10am & 7.20pm, Sundays, 9.45am

Surname	Given Names	Title	Industry/Occupation	Place/Parish
PRIVATE RESIDENTS				
Briscoe	William T. Sen.	BA		The Grange
Clarke	Charles	Reverend	Vicar	
Coleman	Walter Thomlinson	JP, TN	Major	
Curtis	William			Ivy Cottage
Downey		Mrs		The Ridge
Garrett	Charles			Great House
Jameson	Harvey			The Limes
Mackay	George Eric	Major		The Firs
Phillips	Francis Henry			The Cottage
Salman	Jacob			Hillside House
Smith		Miss		Cyprus House
Taylor	Vincent Thornely			Steinbrook House
Tongle	Thomas			The Laurels
COMMERCIAL				
Anstey	George		Farmer	
Bird	Stephen		Plasterer	
Brown	William James		Farmer	Church Farm
Coates	Herbert			Plough Public House
Cole	Daniel		Carpenter	
Coleman	Henry		Carpenter	
Curtis	Arthur H		Baker & Beer Retailer	
Elliott	Albert		Mason (see Smith & Elliott)	
Hart	Charles William		Farmer	Southsea Farm
Holder	Eli		Timber Merchant & Farmer	
Humphries	George		Florist & Nurseryman	
Jones	Francis Robert David		Farmer (letters through Sutton Benger)	
Lansley	Emma	Mrs	Laundry	Ivy
Lansley	May	Miss	Dressmaker	Ivy
Little	Edgar		Haulier	
Little	George		Farmer	Yew Tree House
Little	Hugh		Farmer & Asst Overseer	Common Farm
Martin	Henry		Blacksmith	
Millard	Thomas		Boot & Shoe dealer	
Parnell	Giles		Shopkeeper	
Minty	James		Farmer (letters through Sutton Benger)	Whitelands Farm
Reeve	John		Farmer	Gate Farm
		Smith & Elliott	Masons	
Tidy	Albert W.		Gardener to Chas Garnett Esq.	
Tilley	Charles		Cattle dealer	
Tucker	George		Farmer & Haulier	
Tucker	Thomas		Haulier	